

RESOLUTION

ROBERT Y. KEEGAN

DECEMBER 28, 1905 - MARCH 14, 1989

We meet today in this room which symbolizes the judicial system in our country to mourn the passing of one who symbolized the legal fraternity in Allen County and in the State of Indiana. Robert Y. Keegan died last Tuesday, March 14th, at the age of 83 years.

Bob was born December 28, 1905 in Fort Wayne, graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan in 1927 and received his Juris Doctorate Degree 60 years ago from the University of Michigan Law School. He began the practice of law in 1931 with the firm of Vesey Shoaff Hoffman. This law firm has gone through several incarnations, including the names Vesey & Shoaff; Shoaff Keegan Baird & Simon; Shoaff Parker & Keegan; Baker Daniels & Shoaff and finally Baker and Daniels.

Bob was a member of the American Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association and the Allen County Bar Association. He served for 20 years on the Disciplinary Commission of the Indiana State Bar Association and received his 50 year service award from the Indiana State Bar Association in 1983. It was in that year that he retired from the active practice of law.

As well as being one of the leaders of the state and local Bar Associations, Bob was a leader of our community as well. He served on the Board of Directors of the Estelle Peabody Home in North Manchester, Indiana and on the Board of Directors of the Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company. He and his family were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne where he served as an elder, a trustee and on the Church Foundation.

In 1938 he married Gertrude Jones who predeceased him in 1977. Robert and Gertrude Keegan are survived by their daughters Mary K. Baush of Greenwich, Connecticut and Kathleen Silliman of Fort Wayne, Indiana and their son Robert Y. Keegan, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Michigan. They were also blessed with 5 grandchildren.

We have not seen our friend in several years as he has been in ill health. However, we remember him as an attorney of insight, intelligence and integrity. We remember him as one who has shaped his law firm, our Bar Association and the entire community through his years of service and dedication. All of us who knew Bob Keegan and even those of us who did not, can be thankful for his having been a part of Fort Wayne and will miss his presence in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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